

Remarks:

In an Office action dated June 29, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the application contains the following inventions:

Invention I - Claims 1-28 and 39, drawn to a particle sorting apparatus;

Invention II - Claims 29-38, drawn to a sorting method; and

Invention III - Claim 40 drawn to a program storage device.

Applicants have herein elected to prosecute Invention I (claims 1-28 and 39).

Applicants assert that all claims are allowable, and thus respectfully request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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